

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A device for performing login processes,
comprising:

- storage means for storing authentication
5 information on a plurality of users;
setting means that can set up information
indicating to leave a history for each user;
holding means for holding a login history in
accordance with the information set up by said setting
10 means;
displaying means for displaying user
identification information on the basis of the login
history held in said holding means for a login
operation; and
15 entering means for entering user identification
information at a login operation by making any piece of
the user identification information displayed on said
displaying means to be selected.

20 2. The device according to claim 1,
wherein said setting means provides user interface
for allowing a user to set whether to leave a login
history or not on a login screen presented to the user
at a login operation.

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3. The device according to claim 1, further
comprising

number of histories setting means for setting the number of users whose login histories are held by said holding means,

wherein said holding means holds login histories
5 up to the number of users set by said number of histories setting means.

4. The device according to claim 1,

wherein said login histories are administered so
10 as not to contain information on a user for a plurality of times.

5. The device according to claim 1,

wherein said authentication information contains
15 classification information for classifying each user as the first type or the second type, and

wherein said holding means holds login histories for each of said first type and said second type.

20 6. The device according to claim 5, further comprising

number of histories setting means for setting the number of users whose login histories are held by said holding means for each of said first type and said
25 second type,

wherein said holding means holds login histories for each of said first type and said second type up to

the number of users set by said number of histories setting means.

7. The device according claim 5, wherein said setting
5 means automatically sets login histories to be held for the users set as said first type and provides user interface allowing the users set as said second type to set whether to leave a login history or not on a login screen presented to the user at the login operation.

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8. A data processing device displaying an entry screen for entering user identification information and password information, comprising:

storage means for storing user identification
15 information and password information for each of a plurality of users, said user identification information and said password information being associated with each other;

setting means that can set whether to leave user
20 identification information for each piece of user identification information; and

display controlling means for selectively displaying user identification information that is set to be left by said setting means on said entry screen,

25 wherein the user identification information selected on said entry screen is processed as entered user identification information on said entry screen.

9. The device according to claim 8, further comprising number setting means that can set the number of user identification information which can be set to
5 be left by said setting means.

10. A login controlling method, comprising:
a storing step of storing authentication information concerning a plurality of users on memory;
10 a setting step that can set information indicating to leave a history for each user;
a holding step of holding a login history on memory according to the information set at said setting step;
15 a displaying step of displaying user identification information for a login operation based on the login history held at said holding step; and
an entering step of entering user identification information, which is selected from at least one piece
20 of the user identification information displayed at said display step, at a login operation.

11. The method according to claim 10,
wherein said setting step provides user interface
25 for allowing a user to set whether to leave a login history or not on a login screen presented to the user at a login operation.

12. The method according to claim 10, further comprising

5 a number of histories setting step of setting the number of users whose login histories are held by said holding step,

wherein said holding step holds login histories up to the number of users set at said number of histories setting step.

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13. The method according to claim 10,

wherein said login histories are administered so as not to contain information on a user for a plurality of times.

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14. The method according to claim 10,

wherein said authentication information contains classification information for classifying each user as the first type or the second type,

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wherein login histories are held for each of said first type and said second type at said holding step.

15. The method according to claim 14, further comprising

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a number of histories setting step of setting the number of users whose login histories are held at said

holding step for each of said first type and said second type.

wherein login histories for each of said first type and said second type up to the number of users set at said number of histories setting step are held at said holding step.

16. The method according to claim 14, wherein said setting step automatically sets login histories to be held for the users set as said first type and provides user interface allowing the users set as said second type to set whether to leave a login history or not on a login screen presented to the user at the login operation.

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17. A data processing method for displaying an entry screen for entering user identification information and password information, comprising:

a storage step of storing user identification information and password information for a plurality of users, said user identification information and said password information being associated with each other;

a setting step that can set whether to leave user identification information for each user identification; and

a display controlling step of selectively displaying user identification information that is set to be left at said setting step on said entry screen,

wherein the user identification information

5 selected on said entry screen is processed as entered user identification information on said entry screen.

18. The method according to claim 17, further comprising a number setting step that can set the number of user identification information pieces which
10 can be set to be left at said setting step.

19. The controlling program for causing a computer to execute the login method according to claim 10.